

BY ENOUGH TO FIND FAULT WITH THE WORK OTHERS DO

Adverse Criticism Only Proves Discouraging to the Average Person — The Tactful Wife Uses Diplomacy in Managing the Man Creature

CRITICISM has its own place in the scheme of things. We are all better for having errors pointed out, but too many of us, I am afraid, are inclined to be destructive in our criticisms rather than constructive.

It always makes me fearfully tired to hear any one ridiculing the beliefs of other people when they themselves have nothing better to offer and no better arguments against these convictions than others have for them.

A woman living on the Main Line, whose letter obviously must remain anonymous, writes: "I was interested in reading several days ago of the little boy who lived up to what his mother expected of him."

There comes a time during the years of motherhood of almost every woman when the life of her child is at stake; when on her falls the solemn duty of saving that little life or of allowing it to go out.

THE WOMAN'S EXCHANGE

Letters and questions submitted to this department must be written on one side of the paper only and signed with the name of the writer. Special queries like those given below are invited.

- 1. How can tea stains be removed from table linen?
2. How can an ink spot be removed from a bare floor?
3. When elided gas fixtures have become very much soiled how can they be brightened?

- 1. Bread, to make the best sandwiches, should be a day old.
2. When no machine for cutting bread for sandwiches is available each slice should be buttered before it is cut from the loaf.
3. If a little butter is rubbed on the under side of the spout of a cream pitcher the cream will not run down the side.

Recipe for Corn Dodgers
Dear Madam—This is my way of making corn dodgers. Mix four cups of sweet cornmeal, add a teaspoonful salt and stir in cold water.

Removing Stains
Dear Madam—It may be worth while to some housekeepers to know of the following remedies for stains:
Vaseline stains—Never use hot water, as this will set the stains; soak first in kerosene, then use soap and water.

Whitening Clothes
Dear Madam—I find that yellowed clothes may be whitened by allowing them to soak overnight after they have been washed in clear water into which a teaspoonful of cream of tartar to a quart of water has been put.

Coffee Stain From Plush
Dear Madam—Can you tell me how to get coffee stains out of a plush couch?
This is difficult to do well. Try sponging the stains off with hot water, dipping a soft cloth or small sponge into this frequently. Let the material dry afterward and try to bring up the nap of the plush with a brush.

To Wash Silk Shirts
Dear Madam—Can you tell me the best way to wash tailored silk shirts to prevent soiling them?
Wash carefully in lukewarm soapuds, using a pure white soap. Never rub soap on the material itself. Rinse in clear water, warm, not hot—to which a little borax has been added.

Treatment of Bedroom Floor
Dear Madam—I am in doubt as to the treatment of a bedroom floor, which is an old one, and I do not wish to spend much money on it.
If your floor is old and you intend to lay a new one you might paint the edges of the floor white, or use some pale shade to match the color of the walls. Or filling in the cracks with a good floor filler.

WYVETTES



The frill on this hat started off modestly enough in front, but as it climbed up toward the back, its ambition knew no bounds, and it reached such heights, that it had to be clipped off in order to preserve a proper and becoming height.

Conditions a woman must use the weapons she has. Tact is one of them. "A man's vanity is so colossal he is rarely successful in concealing it, and a woman by catering to his weakness in this direction can by a little diplomacy persuade him that he is only carrying out his own ideas when he is really acceding to her wishes.

"For instance, after we were married my husband began to exhibit a distaste for dressing up for any but very formal affairs. This appalled me, for I hate to see a man grow careless. But did I complain? Not at all! When he did put on his dress suit or his dinner coat I would draw comparisons between him and other men I knew who had grown careless about dressing in the evening. It worked like magic. My husband now is most particular in this respect.

"This in itself is a small thing. But in more important matters men can be swayed by the same means. To use a homely maxim, it is the old story of 'catching more flies with honey.'

ANSWERS TO YESTERDAY'S INQUIRIES

- 1. Ushers' attire for a noon wedding is the same as that for an afternoon wedding, black or dark gray cutaway coat, gray pin-striped trousers, etc.
2. In recent years the custom of wearing gloves has become less rigid, and nowadays the bride's attendants frequently dispense with them altogether.
3. When massaging the face, the muscles should always be rubbed upward and outward; a downward motion will cause them to sag.

Entertain Bride
Dear Madam—I have a friend who is going to be married next month and has asked me to be her bridesmaid. I would like to give a small entertainment for her. What would you suggest?
KATE.
Why not ask some friends to come in in the afternoon to play cards, and tell each one you want to make the party either a kitchen, linen or miscellaneous shower for the bride. Ask her for the card party, and after you have played cards for an hour or two have the shower of presents brought in on a large tray or in a basket and placed before the bride-elect. While she is opening them and all are enjoying the fun serve hot chocolate and coffee, sandwiches, cakes and candies.

Young Girls' Weight
Dear Madam—Can you tell me whether I am correct in weight for my height? I am fifteen years of age. Five feet three inches tall and weigh 117 pounds. Also, how much should a girl of the same age who is two and one-half inches taller weigh?
MARIE.
Your weight is about normal. The other girl should weigh about 126 pounds.

Gift to Engaged Girl
Dear Madam—I have been invited to attend an engagement reception. My sister thinks I should send a present. Is she right?
MABEL.
It is not customary to send a gift at this time. Later on it would be a graceful thing to do to give the girl some little present for her hope chest, such as a piece of lingerie or household linen.

Youthful Suitor
Dear Madam—I am a girl of twenty-three years and am in love with a young man of nineteen. We are really engaged, although no one knows it at present. He is a very nice fellow in another city and I have never met him. I am told his mother is very anxious, and as she has a good social position she is anxious for her son to marry well. He and I became acquainted through working in the same office. Now he wants me to marry him right away; then, he says, he will take me to his home, and as he is sure she will like me, I love him very dearly and could not bear to be parted from him, yet I do not want to do anything to hurt him or to anger his family. What do you think I should do in the matter?
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MY MARRIED LIFE

By ADELE GARRISON

The Home-Coming
As THE taxi hurried my mother-in-law and myself homeward after our eight-hour seeing trip, I became more and more alarmed at her condition.

"She had been seized with a chill while inspecting the antiques at Frances's Tavern, and had complained of feeling very ill indeed. I was hurrying her homeward with mingled emotions, concern over her condition and indignation at the folly which had caused it.

"Like an obstinate child she had persisted in sitting with her heavy coat on while eating dinner at our table—which she had herself chosen—was near a blazing fire. I had feared then that she would pay for her obstinacy. Her very evident suffering now carried out my fear.

"Are you nearly there?" she said faintly. "I am so cold."
"Only a few blocks more," I tried to speak reassuringly. Then I ventured on something which I had wanted to do ever since we left the tavern, but which my mother-in-law's dislike of being aided in any way had prevented.

"I slipped off my coat, and turning toward her, I wrapped her in my arms as if I would a child. To my surprise she huddled closer to me, only protesting faintly. "You must not do that. You will take cold."
"Consent," I replied. "I never take cold, and we are almost there."

"I am so glad," she sighed and leaned more heavily against me. "I have been feeling that she was actually clinging to me, actually depending upon me for help and comfort, I felt my heart warm toward her.

AT THE DOOR
I longed, oh, so earnestly, to be friends with this austere mother-in-law of mine. My life is so barren of woman's companionship that I have no living relative nearer than a cousin—that I would be glad to take my husband's mother into my heart if only she did not repel me at every turn.

"As we drew up in front of our apartment house I loosened my arms. "We are here now," I said, "and we will hurry right upstairs." The chauffeur opened the door and helped us out.

"Wait here," I said to him. "I will send the money down to you."
I did not dare write a minute in getting my mother-in-law into the warmth of our apartment. I hurried her up the steps as fast as I dared and rang the bell of our apartment, to be confronted by Katie, wide-eyed and terrified.

"Oh! Missis Graham, vot the matter?" she asked excitedly. "The old woman's seck?"
I expected to hear my mother-in-law reprove the girl in spite of her weakness, but she appeared not to hear her, so I shook my head at Katie warningly, and then asked aloud, "Have you the hot water ready?"

"Oh, yes, everything all feck. Vot you want first?"
"Put a tablespoonful of brandy into a cup half full of boiling water, stir in a teaspoonful of sugar and bring it here right away."
Katie vanished quickly, and I bent over my mother-in-law, whom I had assisted into a chair close by the gas grate.

"Oh, I am so cold," she moaned again. "We will have you warm in a minute or two now," I said, as I stooped and lighted the gas grate.

"It is all nonsense," I said, exactly the things to do for myself better than any doctor does, and you are doing them."
It seemed to be an effort for her to speak. She closed her eyes again as she finished and leaned back as if exhausted. I knew that she should have medical attendance at once, but what to do in the face of her prohibition I did not know.

As I worked over her I came to a decision. I would get her safe and warm in bed, leave Katie within call, then slip out and telephone Dicky from the neighboring drug store. I did not dare to send for a physician against my mother-in-law's expressed prohibition. On the other hand, I knew that Dicky would be very angry if I did not send for one.

"I am going out to telephone, Katie, and I want you to stay close to the door here till I return. If Mrs. Graham wakes and asks for me, say that I have gone to the drug store and will be back very shortly."
As I descended the stairs all the doubts of the morning rushed over me. It was

long after 2 o'clock, the hour when Dicky had told Katie he would be back in the studio. When Katie had given me the message, I had jumped at the conclusion that Dicky was much too beautiful and attractive a girl to be thrown into daily intimate companionship with any man. I felt that at that moment that I hated her as much as I feared her. I hoped that it would not be her voice which I would hear over the phone. I felt that I could not bear to listen to those deep velvety tones of hers.

When I reached the drug store and entered the telephone booth, it was her voice which answered my call of Dicky's number.
"Yes, this is Mr. Graham's studio," she said smoothly. "No, Mr. Graham is not here, he has not been here since 11 o'clock. Pardon me, is this not Mrs. Graham to whom I am speaking?"
"I am Mrs. Graham, yes," I replied, trying to put a little cordiality into my voice. "You are Miss Draper, are you not?"
"Yes," she replied. "Mr. Graham wished me to give you a message. He was called away to a conference with one of the art editors about 11 o'clock. He expected to lunch with him and said he might not be in the studio until quite late this afternoon."

"Have you any idea where he is lunching or where I could reach him?" I asked sharply.
"Why? No, Mrs. Graham, I have not. Is there anything wrong?"
"His mother has been taken ill and I am very much worried about her. If Mr. Graham comes in or telephones will you ask him to come home at once, phoning me first if he will, please?"
"Of course I will attend to it. Is there anything else I can do?"
"Nothing, thank you, you are very kind." I returned, and there was genuine warmth in my voice this time.

For the discovery that I had been misled taken in my idea of Dicky's luncheon engagement made me so ashamed of myself that I had no more rancor against my husband's beautiful protégée.
I laughed bitterly at my own silliness as I turned from the telephone. While I had been tormenting myself for hours at the picture I had drawn of Dicky and his beautiful model lunching vis-a-vis, Dicky had been keeping a private business engagement with a man, and his model had probably lunched frugally and unromantically on a sandwich or two brought from her home.

TODAY'S FASHION



A little tot's frock of china-blue linen.

THE smock of Little Boy Blue might have been the inspiration of this cunning dress. It is of Chinese blue linen trimmed with white. The pocket, shaped like a crescent moon, is extremely decorative, but is scarcely large enough to hold the proverbial "string, top and button."

A slash several inches long in the front of the dress makes it slip on easily. A white cord, looped through eyelets, serves to fasten the dress.

Veal and Ham Pie

To make a moderate-sized pie take half a pound of neck of veal, a quarter of a pound of ham, two hard-boiled eggs, a little barley, mixed herbs and pastry. Remove the meat from the bones and put in a saucepan to stew, then add the meat to cook partly while the crust is made and the eggs are boiled. Take out the meat and fill the pie dish with alternate layers of veal, ham and egg into thick slices and sprinkled with the herbs and seasoning. Then strain the gravy into the dish until it is about half full. Wet the edges, line with a strip of thin pastry, then cover. Make holes in the top, then decorate the pie and bake in a moderate oven for one hour.

Language in the Making

It is stated that during the present war the French and English troops have developed a peculiar language, known only to themselves, which answers all their common needs. The words nonbis the official interpreters, but an English soldier with no French at all can ask a French soldier with no English at all for virtually anything he wants—and gets it.

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HOUSEHOLD HELPS

How to Make the Most of a Small Kitchen

WHEN I had my own big kitchen in our country house I could work comfortably, but I'm always bumping into walls and corners in this tiny kitchen. I've no place to keep anything," wailed a homemaker new to the compressed utility of our modern apartment kitchens.

Now, it is a fallacy to believe that only in the big kitchen can you work comfortably. I have been in huge country kitchens where there was space to accommodate huge cupboards, huge shelves, huge stoves and sinks, and yet the work in the type of kitchen was unnecessarily hard only because it was so large. On the other hand, it is possible to so arrange a 6-by-9 kitchen that in the small space everything will be compact, convenient and make it possible for the lucky homemaker to do almost all the work of the kitchen without rising from her chair.

It may be good landscape architecture to have masses of objects in one spot and then plenty of open space, but it is mighty poor kitchen arrangement. Remember that the more unoccupied space there is in the kitchen—the greater the space between stove and kitchen cabinet, between sink and dish shelves—the more tired you will have to take, and the more time you will be at the end of the day because of all this needless walking.

CUPBOARDS IN NOOKS
And so, far from accepting the apartment kitchen in a spirit of sad resignation, we can look upon it as a blessing in disguise, compelling us to use our wits in arranging it better, and planning so that we can compress all needed kitchen equipment within its limited space. In the apartment kitchen you can marshal the kitchen cabinet and the stove next to each other so that you can prepare your dish while sitting at the kitchen cabinet and place it on the stove to cook without having to do more than rise. You can have a few shelves put up at convenient places and save yourself miles of steps.

This suggestion brings us to one of the most justifiable criticisms against the architecture of many apartment kitchens—the cupboards and shelves which are too often built high out of reach, so that they are next to useless. But you can have one shelf built over the stove and have cup hooks screwed underneath it. On the shelf itself keep your casserole, or baking dishes,

on the cup hooks you can hang saucepans, skillets, heating spoons, pancake turner or other utensils or tools which are needed at the stove. You will thus save yourself the needless trotting to an obscure cupboard which, if you had a big, roomy kitchen, you would use to keep your cooking utensils in, and which would necessitate a long walk back and forth from the cupboard to stove each time you needed one.

If your tiny kitchen doesn't leave space for a kitchen cabinet and is crowded to capacity with its sink, refrigerator, set tubs and stove, you can use the spaces above three of these objects. Keep over the stove the utensils and tools you need at the stove; keep over or near the sink, either by means of a shelf or otherwise by using flat wall space, the tools you need at the sink, like vegetable preparers, etc.

One housewife in a tiny kitchenette one day woke up to the fact that she had dismissed the big wall space over the set tubs because she had to lift the lid once a week. But she measured carefully and found that by placing a shelf high enough over it she could still keep within easy reach many utensils, especially when some of the smaller tools were suspended on cup hooks screwed on the underside of the shelf.

The apartment kitchen may look crowded when so compactly furnished, and it may not be beautiful. But remember, a kitchen is a workshop; it should be convenient for work. The kitchen big enough to accommodate a lounge and rocking chair is in reality more inconvenient and imposes more labor on the worker.

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